

## Cementitious SL Decorative

### Description

Cementitious SL Decorative is a self-levelling, cementitious mineral screed for aesthetic applications. Cementitious SL Decorative contains a high polymer concentration.

Hardening takes place by both the hydration of the mineral binding agents and the film formation of polymers.

The extreme whiteness of this product forms the ideal basis to obtain coloured floor finishes in conjunction with the Quartzline colour mixing system. Most RAL and NCS colours are achievable and custom made colours are available on request.

The floor must be laid with a layer thickness of between 3 to 6 mm.

Cementitious SL Decorative is designed with specially selected reactive and non-reactive fillers. After two years of testing the exact grain composition of these fillers in combination with a tailor-made levelling agent, we now have one of the best levelling properties in the decorative market today. This ensures a perfectly coloured and concrete-like surface.

### Form

Powder, off-white

### Packaging

25 kg bags and a jar of pigment of the desired colour.

### Shelf life/storage

Up to 6 months after the production date if kept in the original, sealed, unopened and undamaged packaging, stored dry between +5 °C and +30 °C.

### Mixing

**Mixing ratio:** Add 5 kg of water to 25 kg of cement. Use weighing scales to weigh the correct amount of water. **DO NOT** use a measuring cup as this is not sufficiently accurate.

### Properties

Mineral bonded - solvent-free	
Very good mechanical properties	
Colourfast	
Polymer modified	
Suitable for colour mixing systems	
Suitable for various subsequent treatments	
Fast hardening and drying	
Self-levelling, very smooth application	
Density <sup>1</sup> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	2.00
Powder weight <sup>2</sup> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.65
Slump flow (mm)	150
Pot-life (min.)	30
Foot traffic (hours)	3 - 5
Compression strength <sup>3</sup> (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	> 32
Flexural strength <sup>3</sup> (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	> 8
Min. processing temp. (°C)	10

<sup>1</sup> = ISO 2811-1/+ 23°C/50% R.H

<sup>2</sup> = powder weight in the ready-for-use mortar

<sup>3</sup> = ISO 196-1 / @28days / + 23°C/50% R.H

Pour the water into a bucket with the jar of pigment, then commence agitating and add the bag of Cementitious SL Decorative, mix thoroughly for 3 minutes to obtain a homogeneous mixture.

Mixing is preferably done with the Quartzline Mobile Mixer.  
With the Quartzline Mobile Mixer you can mix between 50 to 75 kg each time.  
When mixing multiple batches keep mixing times as equal as possible, this is essential for an equal consistency and colour stability of the mixture.



*Quartzline Mobile Mixer*

#### How to use the Quartzline Mobile Mixer:

Pour the water and pigment into the 60 liter mixing bucket and start the mixer on speed 2. Slowly add the first two bags into the mixture and gradually increase the speed to 3 or 4, keep the speed just below the threshold of splashing.

Turn the mixer off for a moment to clean the sides of the bucket, making sure there are no remaining lumps there.

Turn the mixer back on and gradually increase the speed while slowly adding the third bag. The maximum speed of 6 must be reached halfway through adding the third bag.

When the mixer starts having difficulties drawing a vortex in the mixture, raise the mixer roughly 7,5 cm higher.

When all the cement has been added, scrape the sides again and wait until all the cement is incorporated into the mixture, there should be no white powder visible.

The mixture should be mixed again at maximum speed for three more minutes **using a timer!**

After 1,5 minutes, the mixer must be lowered down again and then mixed for the remaining 1,5 minutes.

**NOTE:** The timer is of great importance! The longer the mixing time, the thinner the mixture will become and colour deviation will occur between the different batches.  
So, within one project, keep the mixing times and methods as **EXACT** as possible, the standard advice from Quartzline is three minutes mixing time.

When the three minutes has elapsed reduce the speed to 1 and turn the mixer off.  
Transport the Quartzline Mobile Mixer to the application site and empty the bucket completely. Alternatively empty the Mobile Mixer as fast as you can into 20 liter buckets and transport the Cementitious SL to the application site. Be advised to change the 20 liter buckets in time due to the start of the binding / reaction of the cement at the bottom of the buckets.  
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## System construction

**Primer:** ALWAYS use a layer of **Primer Universal** underneath a Quartzline Cementitious SL system.  
Start at the farthest corner and work towards the exit. On porous surfaces apply the floor primer using a pourer with a fine spray head, and spread it with a soft brush. On non-porous substrates apply the Primer Universal with a piled roller. Allow the primer to dry until filming occurs, recognizable by the transparent gloss. Remove or spread any pools of primer before finishing the floor. After film formation has occurred apply the floor mortar within 24 hours.

On a cement or calcium sulphate screed substrate, always apply a layer of "Quartzline Primer BHH" before the Primer Universal is applied.

For other substrates see the chart below.

Surface	Ratio primer/water	Consumption
Blasted Concrete	1:3	300 - 500 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Monolithic Concrete	1:1	150 - 250 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Wood	undiluted	300 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Linoleum	1:1	150 g/m <sup>2</sup>
PVC	1:1	150 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Tiles	undiluted	150 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Natural stone	undiluted	250 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Steel	undiluted	250 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Cementitious self-levellings	1:1	250 g/m <sup>2</sup>

### **PRIMER CONSUMPTION IS INDICATIVE AND DEPENDS ON ALL KINDS OF FACTORS.**

Very absorbent surfaces must be saturated with "Primer Universal" using the correct mixing ratio. This will prevent the substrate from absorbing water from the Cementitious SL Decorative mixture and avoid problems such as shrinkage, possible surface pores or a weak and dusty surface.

Primer BHH followed by a layer of Primer Universal is also a possibility to avoid these problems at absorbent surfaces at all times.

See Technical Data Sheet "Quartzline Primer Universal"

**Wearing Course: Cementitious SL Decorative**

This layer can be sanded after 24 to 48 hours.  
Remove all dust before coating.

CAUTION: The newly laid floor is very sensitive to dirt which will immediately penetrate the substrate and can be difficult to clean. Wear only socks or other suitable footwear to sand and coat the floor.

Make sure that wheels on sanding machines are clean so that no marks are made while sanding. We advise using masking tape around the wheels to cover them.

**1<sup>st</sup> Topcoat:** Coating CSL, to guarantee adhesion of the Coating PU MG.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Topcoat:** Coating PU MG to give the Cementitious SL Decorative an attractive matt or satin gloss finish.  
**Never apply the Coating MG onto the Coating CSL on the same day**

**FOR EACH CEMENTITIOUS SYSTEM THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:**

The substrate must be well saturated so that no suction can occur and there is enough water in the cement slurry to enable hydration of the cement.

**Consumption**

The consumption of the Cementitious SL Decorative is 2.0 kg/m<sup>2</sup>/mm.

Layer thickness	Ready to use mortar consumption	Powder consumption
3 mm	6.00 kg	4.95 kg
4 mm	8.00 kg	6.60 kg
5 mm	10.00 kg	8.25 kg
6 mm	12.00 kg	9.90 kg

These figures are theoretical and do not allow for the possibility of additional material being required due to surface porosity, surface profile, variations in level or wastage etc.

**The Quartzline Cementitious SL Decorative is part of the following system:**



• **Quartzline Cem Decorative**

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## **Substrate preparation**

The substrate must be sound and sufficiently compression-resistant (at least 25 N/mm<sup>2</sup>), with a minimum adhesive strength of 1.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

The substrate must be clean and dry and free of dirt, oil, grease and other soiling.

Concrete substrates must be prepared mechanically using abrasive blast cleaning or scarifying equipment to remove cement laitance and achieve an open textured surface.

Weak concrete and loose cementitious levelling must be removed and surface damage such as blowholes and voids must be repaired with Quartzline Epoxygel and then primed again.

All dust, loose and friable material must be fully removed from all surfaces before the product is applied, preferably using a brush and/or industrial vacuum cleaner.

The concrete or screed substrate must be primed.  
Uneven substrates must be levelled to achieve an even substrate. Use Quartzline Cementitious SL Underlayment or Cementitious SL Constructive.  
Please see respective Technical Data Sheets for more information.

Allow any filling layers such as Cementitious SL Underlayment or Constructive to dry thoroughly, then sand them and prime again with "Quartzline Primer Universal" diluted 1 to 1.

With subsequent installations of floor coverings, cementitious screeds are required to display a residual moisture content of < 2,0 CM-%. (Heating screeds < 1,8 CM-%)

### **CAUTION for Anhydrite:**

Unfortunately Anhydrite / Calcium Sulphate screeds come in many different qualities. Therefore Quartzline BV states that after vacuuming, the floor must be primed with "Quartzline Primer BHH" and then lightly broadcasted with 0,4 - 0,8 kiln dried sand. Then one layer of undiluted "Quartzline Primer Universal".  
The anhydrite / Calcium Sulphate screeds are required to display a residual moisture content of < 0,5 CM-%. (Heating screeds < 0,3 CM-%)

## **Application conditions**

Substrate temperature: Minimum 8°C, maximum +30 °C

Ambient temperature: Minimum 8°C, maximum +30 °C

Relative Humidity: Maximum 75% R.H.

Dew point: Be aware of condensation!

The temperature of the subfloor and non-hardened materials must be at least 3°C higher than the dew point to prevent the formation of condensation and efflorescence or cement skin on the mortar surface.

## Application

Processing time @ 20 °C	25 minutes
Light traffic @ 20 °C	24 hours
Fully Cured @ 20 °C	28 days

Check the R.H. and dew point before application.

Pour the self-levelling onto the primed surface and work with a trowel to achieve the required thickness.

Remove all doors before application

Clean tools with water immediately after use.  
Hardened material can only be removed mechanically.

Make sure that all windows and doors are closed and avoid (block out) draft.  
Depending on climate conditions the floor can be sanded at the earliest after twenty-four hours, but this is done preferably after forty-eight hours

The floor should be finished within 7 days in order to avoid any possible formation of cracks.

## Remarks

Do not mix with other cement or cementitious floor products.

Cementitious SL Decorative is for interior use only and unsuitable for constant moisture loads.  
The floor must always be adhered to a subfloor (not floating).

Freshly applied Cementitious SL Decorative must be protected from moisture, condensation and water loads for at least 24 hours.

Do not add more than the prescribed amount of water and never add water once the product has started to react.

Do not load the floor for 24 hours and don't exceed the prescribed layer thickness.  
The end product has limited water-resistance, so do not apply in bathrooms.

Various mixers, mixing times, mixing speeds and the natural differences in raw materials of levelling mortars can cause colour differences in the end result.  
To obtain the most consistent colour it is important to work in the cleanest possible work area and according to a set pattern.

Protect from direct sunlight, heat, strong winds and extreme temperatures to avoid accelerated drying and hairline cracks. These superficial hairline cracks or crackle normally occur under these circumstances and are not admissible as the subject of a complaint.

If layering is done using an alternative Quartzline screed or coating system, extra preliminary mechanical treatment may be necessary to remove the cement skin that can occur during processing. This could be a result of too much water in the mixture or high air humidity whereby surface sedimentation occurs.

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### **Cleaning/maintenance**

For durability, all spillages must be removed as soon as possible and the floor should be cleaned regularly.  
Avoid excessive use of water, and after mopping allow the floor to dry as quickly as possible.

**DO NOT** leave puddles on the floor.  
Clean the floor with tepid water. Never use hot water (warmer than 40 °C)

### **Value base**

All technical data stated in this technical data sheet is based on laboratory tests.  
Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

### **Health and safety information**

For information and advice on the safety handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users should refer to the most recent material safety data sheet containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety related data.

### **Legal notes**

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